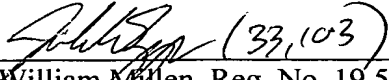


REMARKS

The principal purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate multiple dependent claims in order to avoid the additional fee. Another purpose is to preempt a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 without removing the scope of the claims. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce claims to canceled combined subject matter.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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